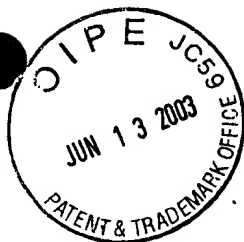


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Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned application, please find the following:

- A Response and Amendment

Also enclosed is a return postcard. Please date stamp the postcard and return it to us to acknowledge receipt of this Response and Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0888. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal letter is enclosed.

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Sir:

In response to the Office action of 12 March 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.